

TEWKSBURY BOARD OF HEALTH

Minutes

February 19, 2015

Call of Meeting to Order

Ms. Brothers called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM. The meeting was held at the Tewksbury Senior Center. Present at the meeting were, Chairperson Kathleen Brothers, Vice Chairman Raymond Barry, Charles Roux, Christine Kinnon, Phillip French and Health Director Lou-Ann Clement. Also in attendance was Town Nurse Sarah Kinghorn

New Business

Cancer Incidence in Tewksbury 2006-2010

Ms. Clement presented the revised cancer incidence for 2006-2010 for Tewksbury. Ms. Kinghorn stated that the numbers were collected from doctors, labs and hospitals. These numbers include melanoma.

Mr. French asked if these were just Tewksbury residents. Ms. Kinghorn replied yes.

Ms. Brothers asked if it matters what hospital a Tewksbury resident goes too. Ms. Kinghorn replied no, the numbers are based on where they live.

Mr. Barry asked if we could look for hot spots in Tewksbury. Ms. Kinghorn stated that the laws prohibit us from knowing the addresses but she could ask if she could get a grouping.

Ms. Brothers stated that the Greater Lowell Health Alliance received a grant to look at cancers in the area. Ms. Clement stated that they will contact them.

Influenza Season 2014-2015

Ms. Kinghorn stated that they held their flu clinics and she still has some vaccines. The State will not provide the flu vaccine next year except for children under 18 and those without insurance. If the Town still wants to have flu clinics next year, the Town would have to purchase them.

Ms. Clement stated that there are three types of flu shots that range from \$10 to \$32 a dose. They will probably receive about twenty doses from the State.

Ms. Kinnon asked how we would pay from the vaccine. Ms. Clement replied that she has applied for a revolving account for fees and donations collected to use for public health. This will probably not help us this year but in following years it would. Ms. Clement added that if we do buy vaccines, we get reimbursed.

Mr. Barry asked when the clinics would be held. Ms. Kinghorn replied she would like to hold them the end of August or beginning of September. Mr. Barry asked if the reimbursement would go into the general fund. Ms. Clement replied it would right now, but if they get the revolving fund approved, it would go into that account. Ms. Clement added that we cannot get reimbursed for State issued vaccines. Ms. Clement stated that she has money in the medical supply budget for the vaccine.

Ms. Kinghorn stated that the vaccines are readily available at local pharmacy. Her concern is with people who are homebound.

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Mr. French stated that the flu clinic used to be highly attended but it's not now because of the availability at the pharmacy.

Mr. Barry stated that you cannot get vaccines for children under 18 at the pharmacy. Ms. Kinghorn stated that she could hold a flu clinic after school perhaps at the Library.

Mr. French stated that we should leave it up to Ms. Kinghorn and Ms. Clement on how much to order if any.

Ms. Kinghorn stated that there have been 51 confirmed flu cases in Tewksbury.

MOTION - Mr. French made a motion to allow Ms. Kinghorn and Ms. Clement to come up with a plan for the flu vaccines with the primary concern for homebound people and children under 18. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kinnon and unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.

Ms. Kinghorn stated that there has been an outbreak of measles at Disneyland and they want to be proactive. There are unvaccinated children in the school systems and she would like to get the information to the parents of what measles look like. Mr. Barry stated that Facebook has been blowing up telling people not to vaccinate their kids. The CDC has information about the safety of vaccinations that we may want to send out to parents.

Ms. Kinghorn left the meeting.

2014 Annual Report

Ms. Clement stated that she has received comments from some members of the Board for the Annual Report and they will be added. Mr. Barry stated that last year, the Annual Report mentioned Tewksbury CARES but this year doesn't. Ms. Clement stated that she would add information. Mr. Barry asked that the membership drive be included. Mr. Barry stated that the name of the Health and Wellness Fair should be updated.

MOTION - Ms. Kinnon made a motion to accept the 2014 Annual report as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. French and unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.

Old Business

Fiscal Year 2016 Budget

Ms. Clement stated that she has requested an increase of 7 hours per week for the Town Nurse. She was given 3 additional hours. The Town Manager has said that he would try to increase this up to 7 hours over the next few years. Ms. Clement also asked for \$10,000 for Tablets and software to do inspections in the field. Ms. Clement stated that the Town is currently working on a GIS software package and they are looking at this to see if it can incorporate health inspections.

Aubut's Liquors Tobacco Status

Ms. Clement stated that Aubut's has complied with their 2-day tobacco suspension.

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Middlesex District Attorney Press Release Dated February 5, 2015 Regarding Heroin Overdoses

Ms. Brothers stated that phenterol is being used in heroin. People don't know what is in the drugs they are using. Mr. French stated that 20 to 30 year olds are the largest age group using heroin. There are now detox clinics to help people get off of heroin and they couldn't function without them.

Board Members Reports

There were no reports.

Other Business

Oliveria Farm Status – Loose Goat

Ms. Clement stated that the goat was captured. Ms. Clement stated that she has received two complaints that Mr. Oliveria was plowing his driveway at 3:00 AM. A site visit was conducted and she told him not to do that. While on site there was a pool of blood out in front of the slaughterhouse. There were also cats on the property that looked sick. Mr. Oliveria stated that they were coming in to trap and spay the cats but he has yet to prove that to her. Ms. Clement stated that she would be contacting the Cat Coalition.

Mr. Barry asked where the blood came from. Ms. Clement replied that it came from improper cleaning and there was a lot of snow.

Announcements

Ms. Clement announced that the Kick Butts Day will be March 18, 2015 at the State House.

Ms. Clement stated that the Health and Wellness Fair would be held on April 8, 2015 from 2:00 to 6:00 PM.

Ms. Clement stated that there was an article in the Town Crier regarding foot care.

Ms. Clement stated that she is getting an intern and there will be three programs that will be worked on. The first is Health and Wellness Awareness in Cancer. The second will be a food recycling program and the third program will include a veterinary student that will work with the livestock regulations.

Ms. Brothers stated that Jen Nagle wants to raise goats to produce milk and cheese. Ms. Clement stated that the State will handle everything but this Board would need to issue the permit.

Mr. Barry stated that he attended the last MRC Advisory Council meeting and they are investigating what can be done during September for emergency preparedness month. Mr. Barry would like to look into what Tewksbury can do.

MOTION - Mr. French made a motion to close the meeting and adjourn at 7:40 PM. The motion was seconded by Mr. Barry and unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.

Approved On: July 16, 2015

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List of Documents for 2/19/2015 Agenda

Documents are located in the Board of Health's Office

New Business:

Cancer Incidence in Tewksbury 2006-2010

Exhibit #1: Sarah Kinghorn, BSN report dated January 30, 2015

Exhibit #6: Sarah Kinghorn, BSN Revised Charts

Influenza Season 2014-2015

Exhibit #2: 2014/2015 Influenza Immunizations chart

2014 Annual Report

Exhibit #3: Draft Annual Report

Exhibit #7: Revised Annual Report

Old Business:

Fiscal Year 2016 Budget

Exhibit #4 Town Manager's Budget Recommendations

Exhibit #5: *Middlesex District Attorney Press release dated February 5, 2015 regarding Heroin Overdoses*